



## Using the Green Book

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Have participants use the FGDC Workbook to complete the following tasks and answer the questions below. Then spend some time reviewing their findings.

Distribute packs of post-it flags and printed versions of the workbook to each participant. Have them go through the *Green Book* and bookmark the seven main sections and three supporting sections. (If you're using an electronic version of the book, give them time to become familiar with how the bookmarks work on the left-hand side of the screen.)

### 1. What are the seven main sections of FGDC metadata?

1. Identification Information
2. Data Quality Information
3. Spatial Data Organization
4. Spatial Reference Information
5. Entity and Attribute Information
6. Distribution Information
7. Metadata Information

### 2. What are the three supporting sections?

1. Citation Information
2. Time Period Information
3. Contact Information

### 3. What is the definition for the data element *West Bounding Coordinate* (Section 1)?

Western-most coordinate of the limit of coverage expressed in longitude.

### 4. What is the definition for the compound element *Description* (Section 1)?

A characterization of the data set, including its intended use and limitations.

### 5. What data elements make up the compound element *Description*?

Abstract and Purpose

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Metadata**



**6. What is the domain for the data element *Process Date* (Section 2)?**

*“Unknown”*, *“Not complete”* or free date

**7. What is the domain for the data element *Address Type* (Section 10)?**

*Mailing*, *Physical*, *Mailing and Physical*, or free text

**8. Name one compound element from Section 2 that can be repeated.**

*Quantitative Attribute Accuracy Assessment*, or *Quantitative Horizontal Positional Accuracy Assessment*, or *Quantitative Vertical Positional Accuracy Assessment*, or *Source Information*, or *Process Step*

**9. Name one data element from Section 8 that can be repeated.**

*Originator* or *Online Linkage*

**10. Is the data element *Abstract* (Section 1) mandatory? Explain how you came to this conclusion.**

Yes, the data element *Abstract* is mandatory because it is a mandatory data element within a mandatory compound element within a mandatory section.

**11. Is the data element *Ellipsoid Name* (Section 4) mandatory? Explain how you came to this conclusion.**

The data element *Ellipsoid Name* is mandatory, if its parent element, *Geodetic Model* is applicable to the particular data set in question.

**12. What is the short name for the compound element *Direct Spatial Reference Method*?**

direct

**13. What is the data type for the data element *Abscissa Resolution* (Section 4)?**

real (number)